

JIMMY CARTER JOINS HANDS WITH FEMALE GOD IDOLATORS

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The liberal Cooperative Baptist Fellowship held its 10th annual convention in Atlanta June 28-30. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who publicly “left” the Southern Baptist Convention last year, spoke on the second day of the meeting. He called for a new alliance of Baptists in the United States and Europe, an alliance that will “reject creedalism.” This refers to Baptists who will not be strict in their faith and who will not be careful about doctrinal truth, but who will allow for such things as modernistic views of the Bible, homosexual Christianity, female pastors, and prayers to a female god. Carter even believes that Mormons are Christians. Two years ago he publicly rebuked the Southern Baptist Convention for targeting Mormons with the gospel.

One of the auxiliary organizations associated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY. At a breakfast they conducted during the CBF conference, they called upon women to worship God as Spirit but not as Father. There were prayers to “Mother God.” Baptist Women in Ministry treasurer Sally Burgess said she believes “God is good, and She knows what She’s doing.” The women were encouraged to use “Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer” instead of “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Randy Stinson, director of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, attended the breakfast and observed: “I was expecting some statements in support of women pastors along with some bashing of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, but I was not prepared to hear worship of ‘Mother God.’ This is not just a ‘kinder, gentler Christianity,’ this is an entirely different religion.”

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship exhibit hall bookstore featured the United Methodist inclusive language hymnal that addresses God as “mother” and the “womb of creation.” One hymn calls the earth “your Mother.”

Jimmy Carter claims that he is a “traditional” Baptist, but this is simply not true. Historically, Baptists have cared deeply about doctrine and have been very “creedal.” Baptists of old would not have dreamed of calling God “our Mother” or allowing homosexuals to be church members. See the following Baptist histories which are in the *Fundamental Baptist CD-ROM Library*, available from Way of Life Literature: A History of the Baptists by Armitage, History of the English Baptists by Ivimey, Early History of the Welsh Baptists, Bye-Paths of Baptist History by Goadby, A History of the Baptists by Christian, General History of the Baptists in America by Benedict, A History of the Christian Church by Jones, History of the German Baptist Brethren by Brumbaugh, Early English Baptists by Evans, and A Concise Baptist History by Orchard.

Apparently Carter is not aware that such an alliance as he described at the CBF conference already exists. It is called the Baptist World Alliance, and it yokes together conservative and liberal Baptists worldwide, including the Baptist Union of Britain and the American Baptist Convention. Ironically, the Southern Baptist Convention, from which Carter has “separated,” is one of the largest contributors to the Baptist World Alliance!

Bible believing Baptist churches stand independent of unscriptural and unholy alliances in order to remain faithful to their One Head, Jesus Christ, who has commanded them not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship was formed ten years ago by liberal Southern Baptists who were discouraged by the conservative direction at the national level. There were roughly 3,250 registrants at this year’s CBF conference, which is only about 250 more than attended in 1991.